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1. On the evening of 5 July 1953, a Polish schooling ship was observed out in the stream at Swinoujscie (Swinemunde). It has one mast, a single vertical stack, had a flag on the after flag staff, two guns on the foredeck. Aft of the bridge, it looked as if it was an older ship which had had its hull built higher. Tonnage was about 2000 tons. The ship was lying at anchor. At about midday on 13 July the same ship was observed at the waiting place on her way into Szczecin (Stettin).

2. On 13 July, while on the way out of Swinoujscie, one landing craft was observed lying on the west side. It was about 35 meters in length. It was at a quay and apparently under repair at an old German yacht shipyard. No other building or fitting was seen at the wharf. The vessel was flying a Polish flag. At the southern end of Eichenstaden an open landing boat with the wheel house aft. At the northern end of Eichenstaden a Soviet lookout post (wooden tower). In the same area there were five covered antiaircraft guns. Soviet military personnel were seen around the tower and the guns.

13. In the coal harbor a minesweeper was observed. At the destroyer wharf, there were seven minesweepers of the T-300 or 181 class.

4. On 13 July there were also two fore and aft schooners of about 50 tons. They were painted white and were apparently Polish schooling ships, holding navigation exercises in Szczecin Bay.

5. A smaller house, which apparently is to be equipped with a tower, is under construction west of Swinoujscie's entrance, half way between the radar and the inshore light.

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